

29. (Amended) An ink jet printer comprising:

a printer case having a print area where printing upon a sheet is permitted and a nonprint area where printing upon a sheet is not permitted,

a carriage [which moves along a] capable of moving through said print area and said nonprint area;

a head mounted on said carriage;

an ink cartridge mounted on said carriage for supplying ink to said head;

a lever provided on said carriage for mounting or demounting said ink cartridge with respect to said carriage; and

[a stopper positioned to stop the movement of said carriage by coming into contact with said lever when an operation of mounting said ink cartridge by means of said lever has not been effected completely]

a lip positioned within said printer case to: (a) prevent said lever from mounting or demounting said ink cartridge when said carriage is positioned within said print area and (b) permit the mounting or demounting of said ink cartridge when said carriage is positioned within said nonprint area .

30. (Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 29, wherein said lip extends substantially along the length of said print area and has a gap formed therein corresponding to said nonprint area, said gap permitting the mounting or demounting of

said ink cartridge [a carriage stop position is set for mounting or demounting of said ink cartridge with respect to said carriage, said stopper being disposed in a vicinity of the carriage stop position].

~~32.~~ (Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim ~~29~~¹¹, wherein said lip [stopper] is formed integrally with [a case of] said printer case.

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33. (Amended) An ink jet printer comprising;

- a carriage which moves along a print area;
- a head mounted on said carriage;
- a U-shaped lever comprising first and second arms and a tab joining a first end of each arm, said lever being pivotably mounted on said carriage at a second end of at least one of said arms for pivoting about an axis extending between said second ends of said arms;

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- an ink cartridge mounted on said carriage [for supplying ink to said head] at least in part by said lever; and
- at least one of said arms including a resilient portion for engagement by said ink cartridge to support said ink cartridge in [member supporting] said ink cartridge on said carriage] in a direction of movement of said carriage.

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36. (Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 33, wherein each of said arms includes a resilient portion, said ink cartridge includes convex portions formed

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thereon, and said resilient [member] portion engages said convex portions to at least in part support said ink cartridge in said carriage moving direction.

37. (Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 33, wherein said ink cartridge is provided with a pair of pins projecting outwardly on opposed sides in said carriage moving direction, and each of said first and second arms includes a cam groove for receiving said pins for facilitating the mounting and demounting of the ink cartridge in said carriage [and including a lever mounted on said carriage for at least one of mounting and demounting said ink cartridge with respect to said carriage].

38. (Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 37, wherein each of said cam grooves has an opening exposed when said lever is in an open position, said cam groove being shaped to guide said pins and therefore said cartridge to its mounted position when said lever is pivoted from said open position to a closed position [wherein said lever includes a first arm and a second arm and a second resilient member, said first-mentioned resilient member being formed in said first arm and said second resilient member being formed in said second arm, and wherein said first-mentioned resilient member and said second resilient member are not flexed when said ink cartridge is securely mounted in said carriage].

19 39. (Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 38 [33], wherein said cam grooves are shaped relative to said axis of pivoting of said lever so that the distance